

Hampton Wedge Historic District  
942 E. McDaniel Street  
Springfield  
Greene County  
Missouri

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942 EAST McDANIEL STREET

Location: Springfield, Greene County, Missouri  
Cadastral grid : NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S24, T29N, R22W  
USGS quadrangle: Springfield Missouri 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ '  
UTM coordinates: 15.475145.4117775

Present Owner: Homer D. and Anne B. Wampler

Present Usage: vacant.

Statement of Significance: This small frame house is one of many vernacular structures which comprise the primarily black neighborhood known historically as the East End (and presently as the Hampton Wedge). Begun as a single-cell, single-story building perhaps as early as the mid-1880s, it is perhaps the oldest remaining house in the neighborhood study area.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Date of erection: late 19th century
2. Architect/builder: not known
3. Original and subsequent owners: 942 East McDaniel Street is sited on a 22'x 115.5' tract of land legally described: Beginning 104' east of the northeast corner of Lot 10 of the Dollison Place Addition, east 22', south 112.5', west 22', north to the beginning. The following references are taken from the abstract for the property, presently held by the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority of the City of Springfield, Missouri:

- 1837 Plat Book of Entries, 1 December 1837. United States of America to James Dollison. Northeast quarter, S24, T29N, R22W.
- 1848 U.S. Land Patent, 1 September 1848; Recorded in Book 326, page 84. United States of America by the President James K. Polk to James Dollison. (consideration: Certificate #4-205r).
- 1865 Warranty Deed, 17 June 1865; Recorded in Book N, page 138. James G. and Florence E. Dollison, James C. and Paulina Franklin, Samuel and Mary E. Gott and Nancy Williams (nee Dollison), heirs-in-law of James Dollison, deceased, to Edwin T. Robberson, "the four undivided one-fifth parts of the north-east quarter of Section 24, Township 29, Range 22, excepting about 58 acres sold by James Dollison during his lifetime." (consideration: \$4000.00).
- 1865 Deed of Attorney, 5 December 1865; Recorded in Book N, page 358. Sample and Emiline Orr by J.R.D. Thompson to Edwin T. Robberson, "the undivided one-fifth part of the north-east quarter of Section 24, Township 29, Range 22, remaining unsold by James Dollison, deceased, and being some 100 acres, more or less, of said tract which was the property of said James Dollison at the time of his

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- death and by decent cost, the said undivided one-fifth part became the property of said Emiline Orr." (consideration: \$1250.00).
- 1866 Warranty Deed, 26 February 1866; Recorded in Book S, page 35. Sample and Emiline Orr, heirs of James Dollison, deceased, to E.T. Robberson, "undivided one-fifth part of the north-east quarter of Section 24, Township 29, Range 22, excepting about 58 acres sold by James Dollison during his life time." (consideration: \$1250.00).
- 1871 Warranty Deed, 1 August 1871; Recorded in Book Y, page 99. E.T. and E.J. Robberson to Inda Kimbrough. (consideration: \$395.00).
- 1887 Warranty Deed, 14 January 1887; Recorded in Book 52, page 627. Obe and Inda Kimbrough to J.E. Stanton. (consideration: \$200.00).
- 1891 Warranty Deed, 28 February 1891; Recorded in Book 110, page 228. J.E. and Amanda P. Stanton to Parker Jarrett. (consideration: \$385.00)
- 1891 Warranty Deed, 22 June 1891; Recorded in Book 116, page 22. Jarrett and Lucinda Parker to Lee Kimbrough. (consideration: \$300.00).
- 1896 Sheriff's Deed, 12 May 1896; Recorded in Book 155, page 405. Lee Kimbrough by Sheriff to H.M. Sinicox. (consideration: \$6.00).
- 1897 Quit Claim Deed, 10 September 1897; Recorded in Book 164, page 89. H.M. and Sarah A. Sinicox to Lee Kimbrough. (consideration: \$100.00).
- 1898 Warranty Deed, 20 May 1898; Recorded in Book 231, page 234. Lee and Clara Kimbrough to Alonzo Kimbrough. (consideration: \$300.00).
- 1899 Warranty Deed, 15 September 1899; Recorded in Book 175, page 425. Alonzo and Julia Kimbrough to Emanuel Williams. (consideration: \$160.00).
- 1917 Sheriff's Deed, 10 November 1917; Recorded in Book 387, page 528. Emanuel and Mary J. Williams to Gussie Lenore. (consideration: \$158.71).
- 1917 Quit Claim Deed, 24 November 1917; Recorded in Book 387, page 528. Gussie Lenore to Mary J. Williams. (consideration: \$1.00).
- 1920 Warranty Deed, 29 June 1920; Recorded in Book 408, page 398. Julia Foster, widow of Frank Foster to Mary J. Thomas. (consideration: \$100.00).
- 1934 Trustee's Deed, 6 March 1934; Recorded in Book 621, page 49. Mary J. Williams by E.C. Hamlin, Trustee, to Greene County Building and Loan Association (defaulted on loan). (consideration: \$100.00).
- 1934 Warranty Deed, 8 March 1934; Recorded in Book 537, page 382. Greene County Building and Loan Association to Gussie McAdams. (consideration: \$135.85).

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- 1959 Warranty Deed, 16 September 1959; Recorded in Book 1179, page 285. Gussie McAdams, surviving spouse of Orville McAdams to Joe M. Hayes Investments, Inc. (consideration: \$1.00).
- 1959 Corporate Warranty Deed, 17 October 1959; Recorded in Book 1191, page 133. Joe M. Hayes Investments, Inc. to Willetta N. Wallace. (consideration: \$1.00).
- 1967 Warranty Deed, 28 January 1967; Recorded in Book 1440, page 638. Willetta N. Wallace to Elbert Marshall. (consideration: \$1.00).
- 1968 Warranty Deed, 10 July 1968; Recorded in Book 1503, page 1631. Elbert Marshall to Dan E. and Sarah E. Thurman. (consideration: \$1.00).
- 1975 Quit Claim Deed, 28 July 1975; Recorded in Book 1612, page 1555. Sarah E. Thurman to Dan E. Thurman. (consideration: \$1.00).
- 1980 Warranty Deed, 17 June 1980. Dan E. Thurman to Homer D. and Anne B. Wampler.

- 4. Original plans, construction of house: The building was originally a single-cell, single-story structure.
- 5. Alterations and additions: From this original configuration the house has undergone a series of expansions and later contractions. Prior to 1910 another room was added to the rear (south) and a half-story added above with the addition of a new gabled roof over the entire building. Again to the rear another addition was made: a single-story shed roofed structure offset in the southwest corner. Behind this another single-story structure was added, connecting this building with another house at the rear of the lot. The second house has since been removed, as has the connecting structure between the two, leaving only the offset shed at the rear of the main section. This has been expanded recently to extend the full width of the original building, adding a bathroom.

Other alterations include replacement of the original front porch attached to the northwest corner of the main section with a full width covered porch, replacement of the front door with a contemporary hollow core door and extensive changes in interior configuration and finish, virtually gutting the building of original interior elements.

#### B. Historical Persons and Events Associated with the House

The house is situated in a neighborhood occupied primarily by blacks serving the households on nearby Walnut and Saint Louis Streets. As such, no historically significant persons have been associated with the building. One long-time occupant through the 1910s and 1920s was Isaac Thomas, listed variously as a laborer, repair man for the Black Music Company and butler for Charles McGregor, president of the McGregor Motor Company who lived at 835 East Walnut. The house has been rented through much of the last three decades, most recently to students attending nearby Southwest Missouri State University.

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C. Sources of Information

1. Old views: none located.

2. Bibliography

a. Primary Sources

Sanborn Insurance Map, New York, N.Y.: Sanborn Map Company, 1910 and 1933.

Springfield City Directories, 1894-1930, various publishers.

Tax Records: 942 East McDaniel Street, Greene County Assessor's Office, Springfield Missouri.

b. Secondary Sources

Flanders, Robert, Principal Investigator. "A Cultural Resources Survey of the Proposed University Plaza Project, City of Springfield, Greene County, Missouri: 1981," Southwest Missouri State University Center for Archeological Research, October 1981.

Quick, David. "Historic Inventory," inventory card for 942 East McDaniel Street, Missouri Office of Historic Preservation, Jefferson City Missouri, May 1981.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural character: A simply massed, austere detailed vernacular structure, the present configuration of this 1½ story frame house is the result of an extended history of additions and later contractions. Originally a single-pen, single-story building, it has grown, with the attendant changes in appearance. Still, it functions as originally built - a modest domestic structure in a laborers' neighborhood.
2. Condition of fabric: fair - poor; the house's recent occupancy by students from the nearby university, combined with an extended period of minimal maintenance, has resulted in significant deterioration of both exterior and interior fabric. To be demolished.

B. Description of Exterior

1. Overall dimensions: main 1½-story section: 14'1"x 25'11"  
rear 1-story addition: 9'10"x 18'11"
2. Foundations: low stone rubble perimeter walls.
3. Walls: horizontally placed beveled siding with plain corner boards in main section; vertical and horizontal planks in rear addition.
4. Structural system: lightweight framing using milled lumber.

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5. Porches: A single-story open porch extends the width of the front (north) facade. This is a replacement of an earlier partial width porch, featuring two square corner posts, concrete floor and a makeshift frieze made of vertical boards with beveled corners. At the rear is a recently poured concrete patio.
6. Chimneys: one brick interior stove chimney east of the main roof ridge.
7. Openings
  - a. Doorways and doors: The front entrance features an offset single-leaf doorway with a contemporary hollow-core door in place with a small fixed transom over.
  - b. Windows: generally 1/1 double-hung (with a single 4/4) with plain casings and slip sills. One window is offset symmetrically with the front door under the porch; another is centered on the facade in the half-story over.
8. Roof
  - a. Shape, covering: An asphalt shingled, moderately pitched gable covers the main 1½-story section, with shallowly pitched shed roofs over the front porch and rear addition.
  - b. Cornices: plain board raking cornice with exposed rafter tips on the horizontal eaves.
  - c. Dormers: none.

C. Description of Interior

1. Floor plan: The front entrance leads directly into the living room, which at 15'1"x 13'2" is the largest space in the building. Behind (south of) this room is a small room most recently used as a den, with a stand-up bar; behind this is the kitchen/dining room, which is adjoined to the west by a small bathroom addition. The half-story above consists of a single open attic-type space.
2. Interior finish: Virtually all finishes visible are modern, including wood paneling or burlap walls, carpeted floors, painted ceilings and plain board baseboards and crowns.
3. Stairways: a single straight-run, exposed stringer stair ascends south-north from the west wall of the den to the upper floor. Primitively constructed with S4S lumber, this stair appears to be a modern replacement.
4. Doorways and doors: no interior doors remain in place; existing doorways have plain casings and sills.
5. Mechanical systems: The building is serviced with plumbing and electricity and is heated with a stove.

D. Description of Site

1. General setting and orientation: The building is sited facing north in a mid-block lot overgrown in recent years. The neighborhood is

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made up primarily of small frame vernacular domestic structures occupied by laborers.

2. Outbuildings: none remaining. The 1910 Sanborn Map indicates a second house at the rear of the site, with a connecting structure between the two buildings. The house and structure are both gone now.

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